

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Virginia, Charlottesville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

| Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100 | April 2006 | April 2007 | Percent change |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) | | | |
| U.S. City Average | 201.5 | 206.686 | 2.6 |
| South | 194.7 | 199.618 | 2.5 |
| South (size class B/C)* | 124.1 | 127.000 | 2.3 |
| Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W) | | | |
| U.S. City Average | 197.2 | 202.130 | 2.5 |
| South | 192.1 | 196.730 | 2.4 |
| South (size class B/C)* | 122.9 | 125.598 | 2.2 |
| Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100) | April 2006 | April 2007 | Percent change |
| Finished goods | 160.7 | 165.8 | 3.2 |
| All commodities | 164.3 | 171.2 | 4.2 |
| Industrial commodities | 168.8 | 173.7 | 2.9 |

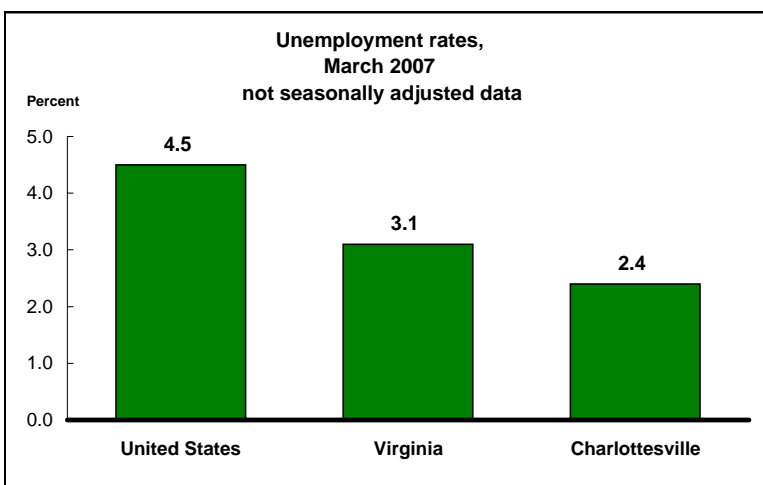
*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area | March 2006 | March 2007 | Net change | Percent change |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States | 7,255.0 | 6,913.0 | -342.0 | -4.7 |
| Virginia | 118.1 | 123.9 | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| Charlottesville | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 2.0 |

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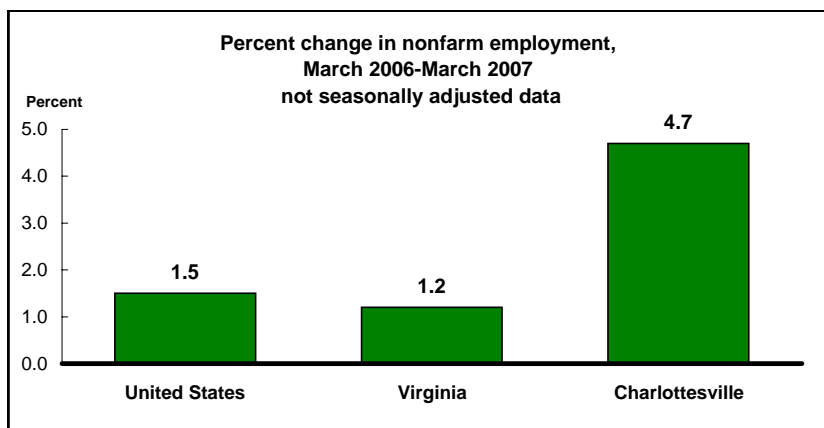


| Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100 | 1st Qtr. 2006 | 1st Qtr. 2007 | Percent change |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers | | | |
| United States | 100.8 | 104 | 3.2 |
| South | 101.0 | 104.3 | 3.3 |
| South Atlantic | 101.2 | 104.9 | 3.7 |
| Occupational Wages Selected Occupations | Mean Hourly Earnings May 2005 | | |
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| All Occupations | \$18.50 | | |
| Education, training, and library | 23.92 | | |
| Office and administrative support | 13.94 | | |
| Construction and extraction | 15.72 | | |
| Sales and related | 13.76 | | |
| Healthcare practitioner and technical | 32.17 | | |
| Food preparation and serving related | 9.40 | | |
| Production | 14.36 | | |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair | 16.80 | | |
| Transportation and material moving | 12.62 | | |

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area | March 2006 | March 2007 | Net change | Percent change |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States | 134,868.0 | 136,835.0 | 1,967.0 | 1.5 |
| Virginia | 3,700.7 | 3,744.4 | 43.7 | 1.2 |
| Charlottesville | 97.1 | 101.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 |

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The Charlottesville, Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
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Charlottesville City in Virginia.